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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO

OFFICE ACTION WITH REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the November 5, 2002 Office Action, setting a three-month term for reply. As this is being filed before the end of the term for reply, it is believed that no fees are occasioned by this paper, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment in fees occasioned by this paper, to Deposit Account 50-0230.